(d) and (e) RBI had appointed a Committee on Customer Service in banks under the Chair-manship of Shri M.N. Goiporia. Ex-Chairman of State Bank of India. "This Committee has made several rasommendations for improving the customer service in banks. These are being implemented by the banks. Whenever specific complaints are brought to the notice of Government/RBI, these are duly taken up with the banks concerned for redressal of the cus-tomers grievances.

Measures to Curb ExscadHare

5468. SHRI AHMED MOHMED BHAI PATEL-
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impose stiff measures to curb expenditure;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposed steps to be taken to control expenditure and to stick to the fiscal deficit target of 6 percent of Gross Domestic Product in 1994-95;

(c) whether the Ministry of Finance has made it dear, that they will not tolerate a repeat of 1993-94 when me fiscal deficit went up from 4.6 percent to 7.3 percent of GDP; and

(d) if so, by when the measures are likely to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRAHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) The Government is determined to ensure that the fiscal deficit is maintained at 6% of GDP in 1994-93. This will be achieved by containing expenditure within the budgeted levels and maximising revenues.

baa Scheme for Unemployed Youth in Madhya Pradesh

5469. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government had announced a direct-loan scheme for unemployed youth in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether the State Government had to provide loan to the unemployed youth under fee Scheme through the Collectors, without any Bank's intervention;

(c) whether the Centre had to provide Rs. 10 crores to the State Government for its implementation;

(d) if so, whether the Central Government had not so far released the amount as was por-mised in 1992;

(e) if so. what are the main reasons for del?y in releasing the amount;

(0 whether the State Government could not implement the Scheme because of nonavailability of funds; and

(g) by what time the Union Government are likely to release the amount so that the Scheme is implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRA SHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (g) Do not arise.

Foreign Compenies in Insorence Sector

5470. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry has urged Government to ensure entry of foreign com-panies in the insurance sector by way of joint collaboration;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government on the views of FICCI;

(c) whether Government propose to recon-sider the Malhotra Committee report in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) The Committee on Reforms in the Insurance Sector (CRIS) headed by Shri RN. Malhotra, former Governor, Reserve Bank of India, had

submitted its report oa the 7th January, 1994. The recommendations are under consideration of the Government Suggestions received from various quarters, including the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and. Industry will be kept in view at the time of taking a final decision on the recommendations made by the Committee.

RBI to monitor Private Baabs

5471 SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem published in the Financial Express dated 12th April, 1994 cap-tioned "RBI to monitor private banks" to ensure that they fulfil the priority sector obligations and social commitments laid down by the apex bank;

(b) if so, the details thereof and policy laid down therefor, and

(c) in what manner Government propose to ensure that significance of the Public Sector Banks would not in any way be diminished by bringing private banks in the scene ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reserve Bank of India (RSI) guidelines on the entry of new private sector banks stipulate *inter alia t*hat they will have to observe priority sector targets lending as applicable to other domestic, banks. These guidelines also stipulate that to enabls the new private sector banks to lend to all categories of the priority sector, some modification in the composition of the priority sector lending may be considered by RBI for an initial penod of 3 years.

(c) The setting up of new banks in the private sector is expected to inprove competitive efficiency of the banking system and upgrade sechnologj. St is also expected that the existing banks iscluding public sector basks would re-organise their operations so as in meet the com-petition posed by the new private sector basks.

Government's Policie on Banks

5472. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA.
SHRI NF. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fect that government's wfona policies and telling the banks: 50 clean up their balance sheets, *have pushed* to the back burner the social oriented programmes, like Rojgar Yojna for unemployed youth and loan to the priority sector, and

(b) if so. what steps are being taken to see that these sectors are not denied financial support from the banks ?

THE MINISTER. OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

Follow up actios on JPC Report

5473. SHRI SOMAPPA R BOMMAI:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state-

(a) what are the details of the follow up action taken by Government on the JPC report on scam;

(b) what are the reasons for delay in taking the action on the report and

(c) what is the present position *'!*

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) The Joint Parliamentary Commitee presented its report to Parliament on 21-12-1993. The report has been discussed in both the Houses of Parliament A committee comprising of Finance Secretary, Secretary (Revenue), Secretary (Expenditure). Special Secretary (Banking) and Deputy Governer Raerve Bank -India has been constituted in the Ministry of Finance to process various recommendations concerning Ministry of Finance An Inter--Ministerial Committee has also been con-ftirutrd under the Chairmanship of Cabinet